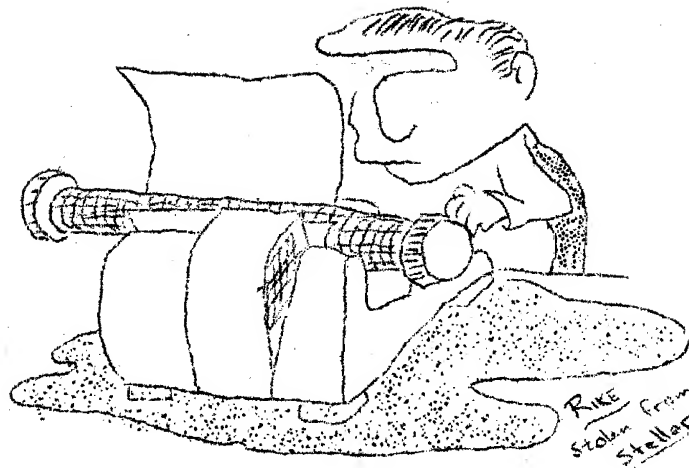


sTAB 3



"Lessee, now... I'm in four of Brannan's games... three of Boardman's... one of von Metzke's and one of Reinsel's... I'm running three sTab games, and plan to start another ... then there's the weekly YUDC meeting, and Blitzkrieg night with Smythe... I have time for dinner every night but Wednesday, if I carry my lunch to that University class... and I've three hours free on alternate Sundays.

"Dear Fred: Please enter me in your new Superdiplomacy game..."

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sTab is an almost always (hah!) bi-weekly Diplomacy journal, currently chronicling Games 1964D, 1965E, and 1965U. A new game, Massif II, will begin in sTab #10. Subscriptions are 10 for \$1.00.

Players in both Trantor games will please note that John Koning is now gamesmaster of both games, replacing John Smythe. Smythe takes over the play of Turkey in game II, replacing Koning, as of the "Winter 1902" build move.

Accompanying this issue is DOUBLE (I can't type it the way Dick letters it) from Dick Schultz, playing Germany in Massif I.

Press releases are enthusiastically solicited from players and non-players alike. We would also be honored to publish games submitted by players outside the YUDC. Someday our well may run dry.

TRANTOR

#33/SVG #33

"Spring 1911, Game I"

26 February 1966

GENEVA (DWE) Crowds gathered today to witness the departure of John W. Smythe, Jr., who left by train, plane, and ship for the jungles of Viet Nam. Smythe, long dissatisfied with his passive role of arbiter of world wars 1964C and 1965U, squeezed into his khaki uniform and, shouldering his spiked mace, went off to fight an insurgent group called, by their detractors, the "Viet Cong." Smythe is particularly interested in seeking out and crippling, maiming, and otherwise incapacitating those members of the "Viet Cong" through whose veins runs the blood of the American Peacemonger, John Boardman. As he boarded the military train bound for Venice, Smythe was heard to chant:

"Fee Fie Foo Fum,

I smell the blood of John Board-mun."

Some temporal observers were dismayed by the fact that Smythe's sworn enemies, the V.C., will not come into existence for 40 or 50 years. Others, more knowledgeable in the ways of Smythe (or at least as knowledgeable as any mortal can be about that mysterious figure), suggest that he is going to wait for the "Viet Cong" to form so he may combat them. Personally, the new editor of this journal suspects that he will cause the formation of "the Viet Cong" (as well as that of Soviet Russia, Communist China, Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and other sworn enemies of Smythe's way of life) so that he may exterminate them.

He always has been fond of a good fight.

ENGLAND: No moves received. Pieces: armies St. Petersburg, (Castora) Norway, Holland, Ruhr, Burgundy, Kiel; fleets Bothnia, Baltic, English Channel, Gulf of Lyons, Mid-Atlantic, Spain (SC)

FRANCE: No moves received. Pieces: army Paris, fleet West. Med. (MacKenzie)

ITALY: F Tus (S) A*H F Tyrr-Gulf; F Tun (S) FRENCH F WMed; (Nelson) F Bla (S) F Con; F Con-hold; A Pied-Mar; A Mun-hold

AUSTRIA: F Tyrr-Gulf; F Ion-Tyrr; F Apu-Ion; A Livo (S) TURKISH (McCallum) A Mos-AtP; A War (S) A Livo; A Prus (S) TURKISH A Ber; A Sil (S) ITALIAN A Mun; A Boh (S) ITALIAN A Mun; A Tyr-Pied

TURKEY: A Ber (S) ITALIAN A Mun-Kiel; A Mos-StP; A Arm-Ank; (Brannan) A Smy (S) A Arm-Ank

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English Army St. Petersburg and Fleet Gulf of Lyons are annihilated, under the provisions for (temporary) collapse of civil government.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1911" MOVES IS SATURDAY, 12 MARCH 1966.....

N*O*T*E: Gamesmaster for Trantor is: John Koning
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ST. PETERSBURG (10 October 1910) Today British troops, under the command of General the Marquess of Pevensey, retook Tsar Peter's city on the Neva. Their entry was expected, following the crushing Turkish defeat at the Second Battle of Narva.

Reports are entering, along with the victorious British troops, of this great slaughter. At this early date, it appears that a brilliant combined operation of British military and naval forces crushed a mixed force of Turks and Austrians which attempted to resist the offensive. The Turkish Fifth Army was killed, wounded, or captured almost to the last man, and the Austrian Fourth Army has fallen back to a defensive position in Livonia. British units involved in the triumph were the Fifth and Sixth Armies, and the Second Fleet.

Following the men of the Fifth Army are long files of Turkish prisoners, en route to prison camps in the vicinity of Tammerfors. Colonel General Motawakkil, commander of the defeated Turkish force, was killed on the field of battle -- the same field where Karl XII of Sweden defeated Peter I in 1700.

General Pevensey, the head of one of the oldest noble houses in England, shows cautious enthusiasm about the future of British military operations in Russia. "After several years of confusion," he told me at an exclusive interview in the Winter Palace, "the resolution of these shifting alliances favors England. The war is now unequivocally between England, with her client-state France, on one hand, and this jerry-built alliance of Austro-Hungarians, Italians,

and Turks on the other. There has been fighting among all three of these powers in the course of the war, and you can be sure that the bad blood between them will hamper their cooperation. I don't imagine that the Turks enjoy having their capital under Italian occupation, no matter how much the Habsburgs try to convince them that it's for the common good. And I have just received a reliable report that an Austro-Hungarian fleet has occupied Apulia. You can guess how they'll like that in Rome!"

--- James Branch Water, Lichfield
Times-Dispatch

ST. PETERSBURG (2 March 1911) An American journalist, identified as James Branch Water, was found by Turkish occupation forces concealed in the garret of a small paper shop in the west quarter of the city this week. When discovered he was under the influence of a strange drug whose chemical composition is unknown, but whose effects are similar to those produced by ingestion of the poyote cactus. This Lichfield had evidently spent some weeks under the influence of this drug, pushing colored blocks of wood around a map of Europe and writing fanciful stories based on them. The last in this series, intended for publication in an American news journal, concerned the further advance of English forces into Russia, and the crumbling of the Austrian-Italian-Turkish alliance. In view of the astonishingly disastrous defeats suffered by both British naval and land forces, these stories appear the ravings of a demented man. Mr. Water, however, insists that they will come to pass.

"Fall 1902, Game II"

R U S S I A N S D E F E A T E D I N S C A N D I N A V I A

A U S T R I A N S S L A U G H T E R E D I N B U D A P E S T

ENGLAND: F Eng (S) FRENCH A Bur-Bel; F N.S.-Nor; F Skag-Swe;
(McCallum) A Fin (S) F Skag-Swe

FRANCE: A Bur-Bel; A Pic (S) A Bur*Bel; A Par-Bur; A Gas-Mar;
(Reinsel) F Spa (SC) - Port

GERMANY: A Den-hold; F Kiel-Helgo; F Hol-N.S.; A Bel-Pic;
(Clark) A Mun-Bur

ITALY: F Tun-Ion; F Ion-Adr; A Tyr-Tri; A Pied-Mar
(Root)

AUSTRIA: A Alb-Tri; A Bud (S) A Alb-Tri; A Ser (S) A Alb-Tri;
(Nelson) A Vie (S) A Alb-Tri; F Gre-Alb

RUSSIA: F Nor-StP; F Swe-Nor; A Sev-Rum; A Gal (S) TURKISH
(Boardman) A Rum-Bud; A Boh-Vie

TURKEY: F Con-Aeg; F Bla-Con; A Rum-Bud; A Eul-Ser
(Koning)

Underlined moves (page 4) do not succeed. The German Army Belgium is routed and retreats to Ruhr, the only possible retreat. The Austrian Army Budapest is annihilated, having no possible retreat. The Russian Fleet Sweden is likewise routed, and may retreat to either the Gulf of Bothnia or the Baltic Sea. This retreat will be published along with the "Winter 1902" builds. England may submit builds predicated upon each retreat choice if he so wishes.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1902" BUILDS IS SATURDAY, 5 MARCH 1966.

Remember to send your moves to John Koning!

BUILDS: (newly gained centers are underlined,
newly lost are crossed out.....)

ENGLAND:	Lon, Edi, Liv, Nor, <u>Swe</u>	((5))	(Build one)
FRANCE:	Bro, Par, Mar, Bel, <u>Spa</u> , <u>Port</u>	((6))	(Build one)
GERMANY:	Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den	((5))	(No change)
ITALY:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	((4))	(No change)
AUSTRIA:	Vio, Edi , Tri, Ser, Gre	((4))	(No change)
RUSSIA:	Mos, War, StP, Sev, Rum, Swe	((5))	(No change)
TURKEY:	Ank, Smy, Con, Bul, <u>Bud</u>	((5))	(Build one)

Note that while Russia and Austria have each lost one center, they have also each lost one piece (the Russian Fleet Rumania, destroyed last Spring, and the Austrian Army Budapest, destroyed this Fall), so they need make no removal. Note also that although Russia occupied Norway this Spring, she moved out this Fall, so Norway remains an English center.

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CHANGE OF PLAYERS: Turkey: John W. Smythe
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ST. IVANSBURG (28 November 1902) In a well-planned coup d'etat, Tsar Ivan VIII was overthrown today by Admiral Prince Alexander Shuisky, who was supported by the sailors of the Cronstadt fortress.

"With this Restoration, the three-hundred-year usurpation of the Romanov dynasty has come to an end!" Admiral Shuisky told a hastily summoned conference of reporters after his coup. "The Romanovs never had any right to the Russian throne. As a direct descendant of Tsar Vasili Shuisky, the last Tsar before the Romanov usurpation, I am taking the throne with the title of Alexander IV."

The new Tsar then announced a number of emergency measures, pending the convocation of a new Imperial Duma. Among these ukases were the following of greatest interest:

VII: The former Tsar, the so-called Ivan VIII, will be sent to join his predecessors Ivan VII and Nikolai II at St. Ivan Yurodivi's Monastery in Magadan.

XIV: The Patriarch Gapon will be continued in office.

XXIX: A certain American, Cecil B. DeMille, together with his film company, will be formally expelled from Russia, where they have just arrived to film a picture glorifying the usurper Romanov.

XXXII: Turkey and Austria-Hungary will be given formal diplomatic notice that the Russian Empire is the protector of all the

small nations of the Balkans. These include Rumania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, Makedonia, Bosnia, Herzegowina, Transylvania, Croatia, Slovenia, Rumelia, Slovakia, Carpathia, Bohemia, and Southern Dobrudja.

MAGADAN (4 December 1902 - DWE) The American producer of "motion pictures" arrived here today, the victim of what may be the saddest political joke of the century.

DeMille, it appears, had arrived in St. Ivensburg on 29 November, proclaiming himself to be Ivan IX, the rightful ruler of the Russias. He made a long speech proclaiming himself the direct descendant of one of the Kievian princes, or rather of the bastard son of one of the Kievian princes, fathered without benefit of marriage to a wandering gypsy woman of unknown name. He was barely finished when the soldiers of Tsar Alexander IV's private guard arrived and bore him off.

DeMille said he was "only foolin'" but the Tsar was inflexible, pointing out that all other pretenders to the Russian throne had be exiled to Magadan, and that DeMille, as a legitimate pretender, must also go.

"He doesn't have much of a sense of humor," DeMille commented.

MAGADAN (7 December 1902) Sultan John Lewis, former ruler of the Ottoman Empire, arrived here today, the victim of another sad political joke.

Lewis, on a friendly visit to the newly confirmed Tsar Alexander IV in St. Ivensburg, stopped on his tour of the city with the Tsar to make a speech to a small group of sailors. Lewis, in a direct and embarrassing reference to the unfortunate DeMille incident of last week, proclaimed that he was really Tsar Ivan X, direct descendant of a Mongol chieftan of the tenth century AD, whose claim to the Russias surely predated Alexander's.

He was in Magadan two days later.

"All I regret," said Lewis philosophically grinding his teeth, "is leaving that weasel Gunther Schuller to manage the Empire. He could finish a thousand years of proud history."

MAGADAN (12 December 1902) Gunther Schuller, former ruler of the Ottoman Empire, former mouthpiece to his divine majesty Sultan John Lewis, arrived here today, victim of yet another sad practical joke.

Schuller, standing in the royal bedroom of the Imperial Palace in Constantinople admiring his new Sultan Suit, proclaimed himself Ivan XI, Tsar of the Russia's by reason of his direct descent from the short-reigned Tsar Ivan X, his illegitimate father.

Schuller was immediately seized by two sailors of the Kronstadt fortress garrison on leave, and exiled to Magadan.

MAGADAN (17 December 1902) Charles Ben al Mingus, former Grand Vizier of Turkey, arrived here today, victim of a political joke that gets sadder ever five days.

"Who did you say you were," asked John Lewis grimly.

"No one," said Mingus dazedly, all I did was sing a few lines from "Borus Gudinov" to some sailors from the Kronsta..."

"We know..."

MAGADAN (22 December 1902) Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Ornette Coleman, former Admirals of the Turkish Navy, arrived here today, victims of certainly the tritest political joke of all time.

The Admirals said that, in keeping with the holiday season, they had been sitting in a Rumanian tavern singing a Christmas Carol when a squad of sailors from the Cronstadt fortress and seized them, and carried them off to a quick trial and then exile. They could not help noting that the list of charges had been read from a mimeographed circular.

"What carol were you singing," asked Cecil B. DeMille, former movie mogul.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are."

MAGADAN (28 December 1902) John Boardman, former physics professor at Borrklyn College, Brooklyn, N.Y., arrived here today, victim of a political joke mercifully forgotten by the editors of this journal.

Boardman said he had been writing letters to one John Koning when he was seized from his Brooklyn apartment by three very tired sailors from the Cronstadt fortress, handed a scrap of paper stamped "Guilty" and shipped off to Magadan. He had been writing to Koning in reference to a game called Diplomacy in which the two were engaged, but Boardman saw no connection between the game and his imprisonment.

"Kind of crowded here," he commented as he arrived. When questioned as to why he had not arrived on the 27th he said something about a subway strike.

CONSTANTINOPLE (1 January 1903 - DWE) Sultan Suleiman the Insignificant, last member of the Ottoman heirarchy, received his tokens of office before a crowd of thousands, most of whom were apparently vacationing sailors of the garrison of the Cronstadt fortress.

"In reply to your unspoken question," he said, addressing the crowd. "I am not, nor ever will be, related in any way to any ruler of Russia, past or future. I don't like the weather in Magadan."

PARIS King Charles states that since France has liberated Belgium from Germany its independence will be celebrated July 4th, or as soon as the French Army moves out, whichever comes first!

In a footnote to his message King Charles declared war on "these 'backstabbing' Turks!"

○ MASSIF^{no} 19 ○

Game 1965E

"Winter 1906"

26 February 1906

ENGLAND: Builds Army London, Army Liverpool
FRANCE: Builds Fleet Marseilles
GERMANY: Removes Army Ruhr
RUSSIA: Removes Army Prussia

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING
1907" MOVES IS SAT*
12 March 1966.